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SURVEY BY GSI IN MAHARASHTRA
NAMDEO HARBAJI DIWATHE

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any survey has been conducted by the Geological Survey of India in Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) If so, the details of the mineral reserves found there; and

(c) The action taken in respect of the survey of mineral reserves in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAISINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The following are the details of the mineral reserves found in Maharashtra.

Gold : The mineral is investigated in Pular (W), Kolari, Bhaonri and Ranmangli area, Parsori(W), Parsori(E) Bhaonri, Kalla Pahar area and Kitar-Marupar block in Nagpur and Bhandara districts. In Kitari-Marupar block 1.19 mt of ore containing 1.33 g/t gold, 1.33% Copper, and 3.65 g/t. silver have been estimated. In Parsori (W) Gold ore reserves of 1.0 mt are estimated, with tenor of 1.7 g/t. In Kitari-Kheri blocks estimated ore reserves of gold are 57000 tonnes with an average gold content varrying from 0.92 to 2.58 g/.t.

Manganese : In Parsoda block at Nagpur district a reserves of 0.178mt of Mn ore is estimated.

Coal : The regional exploration for coal in Bahmini-Palasgaon and Rajura-Manikgarh block in the south-eastern part of Wardha Valley coalfield, Chandrapur district, Maharashtra estimated a total `Indicated` reserve of 319.24 m. tonnes and 167.54 m. tonnes respectively.

(c) GSI during 2000-2001 have mounted following programmes in Vidarbha region in respect of mineral survey.

1.Specialized thematic mapping in Sausar fold belt in Bhandara, Nagpur district for structural and mineral appraisal/reserves.

2.Geochemical Survey for gold and copper in Nagpur Bhandara and Gondia district.

3.Exploration for manganese ore in Goguldoh area Nagpur district.

4.Search for kimberlite in Chandrapur and Gadchiroli district.